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Subject: Informations about Hungarian personalities

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During my visit in Rome I had a longer conversation with Mr. Tamas PERCZEL secretary of Legation in the former Hungarian Legation to the Holy See. Mr. Perczel told me that he and his Minister Baron Gabriel Apor have seen General Nádai in Rome, and he told me the whole story of conversations which took place in connection with General Nádai's and Lt. Colonel Howie's mission. Perczel saw Nádai before Horthy's statement on surrender, about the 4th or 5th October.

In the course of this conversation Mr. Perczel told me, that Baron Apor is in close contact with Georges BARCZA former envoy Hungary's in London, now head of the Committee of dissident Hungarian Ministers in Switzerland. According to Perczel's statement the position of the dissident Ministers has been improved. The British Government have sent a liaison man to Barcza for maintaining a closer contact. Barcza is very active and is using all possible means against the present Hungarian regime. He sent last week, for instance, a telegram to Apor asking him to protest against the behaviour of several priests of the Hungarian Catholic Church. Barcza had some informations (source unknown by me), that Hungarian Catholic and Protestant Church-leaders probably made an arrangement with the regime not to hinder the activity of Hungarian Nazism. By the other side the Churches would have a promise that their estates won't be touched. Apor informed the Vatican about these rumours asking them to give other instructions to the leaders of the Hungarian Catholic Church.

There are no secure signs and serious informations that Baron Apor would collaborate with Russian circles in Rome, but there are some indications, that he recognised already the fact that Hungary will be occupied only by Russian forces and probably he is ready to contact them. Baron Apor has been recognised by the Italian Government as Hungarian Diplomat, but not as representative of a Committee or Government. He has nothing more to do with the Vatican, excepted his personal friends. I had no opportunity to talk to him, because his absence in Salerno at the family of a friend of him, former Italian Envoy in Budapest, Marchese Talamo.

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